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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. the following troop trains were loaded in Falkenberg between 7 and 10 August 1953:

B - boxcar F - flatcar C/B - converted boxcar

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars
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7	2 C/B, 24 B, 10 F 2 C/B, 18 B, 20 F
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9	2 C/B, 10 B, 20 F
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10	2 C/B, 10 B, 20 F
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The trains, which allegedly went to Brand, carried units from the Alt-Loennewitz airfield.¹

2. on 10 August, four troop trains from Justerbog had been unloaded in Falkenberg.²

3. Troop trains observed between 8 and 17 August included:

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	In
8	3 C/B, 7 B, 13 F 8 C/B, 2 B, 6 F 9 C/B, 2 B, 15 F	Wittenberg " "
10	1 C/B, 30 B, 4 F	Jessen
14	11 C/B, 6 B, 17 F 9 C/B, 7 B, 35 F 6 C/B, 1 B, 25 F 9 C/B, 1 B, 32 F 9 C/B, 1 B, 33 F	Dessau " Altenburg " "

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Trucks [] were identified on train [] in Dessau on 14 August.⁵

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4. [] the following troop trains and KVP trains between 26 and 28 August:

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Number of Tons	From	To
26	13 B, 40 F	891	Justerbog	Velten
	9 B, 47 F	853	Altes Lager	Angermuende
	17 B, 13 F	577	Forst Zinna	"
	2 B, 28 F	710	Luckenwalde	Fuerstenberg
			"	Angermuende
27	7 B, 31 F	604	Storkow	Rathenow
28	10 B, 36 F	860	Forst Zinna	Angermuende
	4 B, 36 F	725	Storkow	Rathenow
	6 B, 28 F	688	Forst Zinna	Angermuende

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5. KVP shipments identified on 29 August included a train of 62 axles and 900 tons and a train of 56 axles and 900 tons from Altstrelitz to Moeser; a shipment of 14 axles from Neubrandenburg to Rostock; and a shipment of 12 axles from Neubrandenburg to Sternbuchholz.⁶

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6. The following troop trains were identified from railroad records between 24 and 31 August:

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Number of Tons	From	To
24	4 C/B, 2 B, 2 F	192	Neubukow	Eberswalde
27	9 C/B, 1 B, 48 F	1445	Magdeburg	Pasewalk
28	2 C/B, 12 B, 22 F	1100	"	"
	6 C/B, 2 B, 37 F	979	Dresden district	Pasewalk
	9 C/B, 18 F	540	Neubukow	Altengrabow
	5 C/B, 24 B, 25 F	1030	Damgarten	Stralsund
30	6 C/B, 18 B, 19 F	639	Damgarten	Parchim
	10 C/B, 1 B, 31 F	862	Neubukow	Neuruppin

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31	3 C/B, 15 B, 18 F	321	Dangarten	Parchim
	13 C/B, 2 B, 36 F	867	Neubukow	Jaevenitz
	6 C/B, 2 B, 29 F	734	"	Magdeburg
	9 C/B, 5 B, 46 F	1206	Kroepelin	"

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7. The following railroad cars had to be made available on 31 August:

5 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 18 flatcars in Jueterbog; and
4 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 10 flatcars in Jueterbog-Altes Lager.

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8. Troop trains passing through the Muellrose railroad station included:

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a train of 4 boxcars occupied by troops, 4 flatcars loaded with aircraft
crates, and 22 flatcars carrying trucks, [redacted] coming
from the Cottbus district and proceeding toward Greifswald under [redacted]
[redacted] on 31 August; and a train of 4 boxcars occupied by troops
and 46 flatcars carrying about 50 T-44 tanks, 25 armored scout cars and 20
trucks, proceeding toward Cottbus on 2 September. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The four trains from Falkenberg to Brand carried ground units
of a fighter regiment, which had been stationed at the Alt-Loennwitz air-
field prior to early August.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

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[redacted] On 11 August,
the ground attack corps headquarters transferred from Falkensee to Finster-
walde on train [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The trains [redacted]
which went to Jueterbog with elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div; and trains
which went to Wustrow with me-
dium AAA units of the 62d AAA Div [redacted] were previously reported. [redacted]
[redacted] on 14 August, observed the entraining in two trains of units of
the 38th Army AT Arty Brig in Altenburg; the three shipments presumably
went to Ohrdruf. [redacted] The trains which left
Rueckmarsdorf [redacted] may have carried units of the 8th
Gds Mecz Div, which participated in the exercises in the Altenburg-Leipzig
area. The shipments presumably were bound for Koenigsbrueck.

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4. [redacted] Comment. Trains [redacted] carried headquarters and
signal units of the Third Gds Mecz Army to command-post exercises in the
east Mecklenburg area, [redacted]

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[redacted] According to the reference report, [redacted]
went to Neustrelitz.

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5. [] Comment. The trains from Storkow to Rathenow were previously reported. []

6. [] Comment. The trains probably carried surplus equipment and personnel of the TV 4000, which was transferred to the TV 5000. Units of the TV 5000 are known in Kirchmoeser, Rostock and Sternbuchholz. Albrechtitz and Neubrandenburg are mentioned as crossing stations from the Greifswald to the Schwerin railroad districts.

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7. [] Comment. The following units are rather safely believed to have returned from the Wustrow training area:
a unit of the 63d AAA Div [] to Eberswalde on 24 August; possibly the elements of the corps headquarters of the IV Arty Corps which, on 28 July, went to Wustrow from Altengrabow [] on 28 August; and units of the 3d Gds AAA Div, which had transferred to Wustrow from Magdeburg between 12 and 15 July on trains [] on 31 August.

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8. [] Comment. Trains [] which went from Magdeburg to Pasewalk and Prenzlau respectively, are believed to have been connected with the command post exercise in the area west of Stettin. Train [] which left Magdeburg on 26 August, presumably belonged also to these movements although its route is known only as far as Wittenberge. Trains [] are mentioned for the first time. Observations in Pasewalk indicated that shipments of headquarters units, signal and AAA units of the Third Shock Army were continually de-trained there between 27 and 30 August. [] Ship-ment [] is also observed for the first time. It remains to be seen whether it actually came from the Dresden district. The fact that shipments [] came from Magdeburg contradicts this piece of information which, if correct, would be a first indication for a participating of elements of the First Gds Mecz Army in the command post exercise.

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9. [] Comment. Dispatching and receiving stations tend to indicate that the trains involved air force shipments between the Puetznitz airfield near Damgarten and the Parchim airfield. As, at present, construction work on the runway is under way at the Parchim airfield, the transfer there of a flying unit appears improbable. It is believed that the two trains may have carried a construction unit, which transferred to Parchim. As Damgarten is loading station for the Puetznitz airfield as well as crossing station between the Schwerin and Greifswald railroad districts, it cannot definitely be determined, where the two shipments actually came from. The fighter regiment previously stationed in Puetznitz transferred to the Neubrandenburg-Trollenhagen airfield about 1 September and at about the same time, another fighter regiment transferred to Puetznitz from the Welzow airfield near Cottbus. Trains [] which were previously reported, were involved in this movement. []

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